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Automobiles in Missouri.

Jefferson City, March 18.—That prosperity has full possession of Missouri and will be much in evidence throughout the entire year, regardless of the high cost of living, is vividly illustrated by some facts and figures just given out by Secretary of State John L. Sullivan, dealing with the remarkable increase in issuance of automobile state plates and licenses during January and February of 1920, as compared with the same months of both 1918 and 1919.

Automobiles are still classed as costly luxuries, especially with the prevailing high cost of gasoline and accessories, and the ever increasing price of the cars themselves, regardless of how plentiful they are everywhere, and for this reason the number in use serves as an efficient barometer on which to gauge prosperity of a state.

The annual day for renewing automobile plates and licenses in Missouri is February 1 of each year. January and February are the months when the automobile department of the Secretary of State runs day and night, including holidays and Sundays, to keep space with the demand for new plates and licenses. During the months of January and February, 1920, Secretary of State Sullivan issued 189,205 owners' plates, thereby breaking all previous high records in this respect, regardless of the fact that half of the working force were la grippe victims most of those sixty days. In January and February, 1919, when 129,317 plates were issued, as compared to 120,848 for the same two months in 1918, it was thought the high water mark had been attained. The 1920 plates issuance record, exceeding that of 1919 by nearly 60,000 plates, constituted a gain of over 47.9 per cent over that of the previous year.

To further indicate the increase of Missouri prosperity, 1920 over any year in the chronicles and legend of the state, during the two months considered in this treatise, James O'Connor, Supervisor of the State Automobile Department, reported to Secretary of State Sullivan, that, in addition to the plates to car owners, 1,693 plates were issued to dealers, as compared to 1,285 dealers' plates during the same months of 1918. This increase in Missouri automobile dealers and selling agencies in a year, nearly 32 per cent, is accepted by criteria on the industry as indicating that the Missouri automobile business, 1920, will exceed that of 1919 by fully forty per cent.

Other achievements of Secretary of State Sullivan's Automobile Department include the issuances of 3,233 duplicate dealers' plates; 1,277 motorcycle plates and 15,575 Chauffeurs' badges. The gains in issuance of such plates and badges, 1920, over any previous year's records were as marked as for owners' and dealers' plates.

The St. Louis branch of Secretary of State Sullivan's automobile licensing department in January and February of 1920 issued plates for and registered 43,755 car owners; badges to 7,264 chauffeurs and plates to 518 motorcycle owners. The Kansas City branch the same two months, 1920, issued plates for and registered 29,150 car owners and for 293 motorcycles, and also 2,029 chauffeur badges; and the St. Joseph office, 7,808 car owner plates; 342 chauffeur badges and 91 motorcycle plates.

For the months of January and February, 1920, Secretary of State Sullivan deposited in the State Treasury, to the credit of the good roads fund, the sum of \$1,012,162.20. Such are the indications of a record-breaking year of prosperity for Missouri during 1920.

To Capture Melon Markets.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 18.—Southeast Missouri watermelon growers are already making plans for the capture of the August and September melon trade of the country.

If plans which have been set on foot mature, all melons from Missouri producing sections will be carefully stacked and graded this coming season and will move under a rigid inspection. It is felt by growers generally, that this action is necessary for the preservation of the industry in Southeast Missouri.

Outside buyers have been inducing growers, especially during the past few years, to load green and other inferior melons with the result that considerable discredit has been brought home to even those growers who have loaded mature melons. While all credit for the loading of green, necked, and small melons is

not due to the efforts of buyers, it is known that growers have in many instances been induced to load melons which have been purchased in the patch, before these melons have become fully ripe. The accumulated effect of this practice, as well as of the dishonest loading, as practiced by at least some few growers, has been to throw the Southeast Missouri melon into bad repute.

Local shipping organizations are being formed at each loading point in the Southeast Missouri territory and a uniform system of grading, stacking, and inspection will be inaugurated. It is also quite probable that the output from all of these associations may be sold through a single distributing agency, the growers generally favoring the appointment of a single sales manager who shall be directly responsible.

The Silver Mine Dam.

(Fredericktown Democrat-News.)

Sheriff John Chapman was astonished last week to receive from Tim Birmingham, State Game and Fish Commissioner, the following letter under date of March 3d:

I am writing you to ask you to look up and have in mind a man who understands the use of dynamite as I expect to be there some time in the near future to blow out an opening in the Silver Dam. I may be so situated that I will not be able to stay until the work is completed, and, if not, will want to leave the matter in your charge and the men you have in mind to do the work. Address me at St. James and I will be there the next few days.

Mr. Chapman promptly wrote Mr. Birmingham at St. James as follows:

Yours of the 3d inst. received. In reply I desire to say that I decline to have anything to do with the blowing out of Silver Mine Dam, for the following reasons: in the first place it is wholly unnecessary to do so as fish can and do easily get above the dam. The best fishing in the county is in what is called "The Narrows," some miles above. If you will make inquiry at this place among men who are in the habit of fishing, like Judge Anthony, you will find that my statement is true. In the second place the dam was built for commercial and business purposes and might be used for electric power purposes. Why not compel the owner to erect and maintain proper ladders, if necessary, rather than ruin his property? Then I do not feel that I have authority without an order or writ of proper court. I would advise that before taking this drastic step you should advise with some of our citizens. They should be heard.

Up to date Tim Birmingham has not appeared and nothing further has been heard from him.

There is widespread indignation in Madison county at Birmingham for this last move, a move evidently designed to destroy property that should cost \$100,000 to replace without giving the people of Fredericktown and Madison county, to say nothing of the owners, any opportunity whatever to be heard.

The efforts of the Fish Department to destroy the dam are generally understood to have been inspired by St. Francois county interests. A few years ago a candidate for the Legislature from that county had the destruction of the dam as the principal plank in his platform. Petitions for the destruction of the dam are sent in regularly. Old Silver Dam is even said to figure as a consideration in political deals.

The indignation locally is intensified by the fact that the only time Birmingham ever saw the dam was when he made a hurried trip down from Farmington in company with Farmington men, and made no effort to secure any evidence from local fishermen as to whether or not fish are able to pass the dam, dozens of whom would swear they had seen fish go over. Recently Mr. Byington, a deputy from Farmington, drove out and made a superficial survey of the dam. We have never heard of his interviewing Judge Anthony, F. J. Parkin, Roy Roberts, Dr. Jenkins and dozens of other fishermen.

The whole thing looks like a concocted scheme to "get" Silver Dam. Evidently the truth is not desired by Birmingham for certainly he has not sought evidence locally, and he has planned his onslaught with men and dynamite without informing the owner, Mr. Handlan, of his intentions. A telephone call to Mr. Handlan by the Democrat-News was the first intimation Mr. Handlan had of the matter.

Mr. Chapman is receiving the hearty commendation of all the citizens of Madison county for his firm stand against the contemplated action of Birmingham. And when Mr. Birmingham comes to Fredericktown, if he ever does, he will find that we have courts yet in Missouri that will make it impossible for any one man, however exalted he may be in his own estimation, to arbitrarily destroy thousands of dollars' worth of property and a spot of beauty cherished by thousands of people.

West End Items.

A light snow covered mother earth today, but clear tonight.

Quite a lot of sickness in this neighborhood. Mrs. Jane Sumpter, Mrs. R. S. Crocker and others have been very sick recently. We need a doctor to locate out here. Dr. Fitzpatrick of Lesterville is our closest one.

Every body is very busy these days hauling and milling. Our roads are in a very bad condition and always will be, for it takes money to improve roads, and two dollar poll tax will never improve them. It should have been ten.

Act quick, let's build a new telephone line from here to somewhere.

We have a new mail route to begin April 1. Starting from Black via Oates then down Strother Creek to Middle Fork, thence down Little Brush to Black, making a round trip each day. This is a R. F. D. route—the first one in this end of the county. The people will be one day later getting their mail as it will come from Glover to Black and lay over until the next day. We get our mail from Middlebrook out in one day.

J. A. Francis and Wm. Volner made a business trip to St. Louis this week.

Rich Crocker has purchased J. M. Nelson's Farm. I understand Mr. N. will purchase him a farm near Iron-ton on Stouts Creek.

John R. Day has begun his school again. Mr. D. is a good teacher but is like all other teachers; he doesn't like the small pay.

Arthur Francis motored to Iron-ton Sunday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith are the proud parents of a new girl.

J. A. Francis and sons have purchased them a saw mill which they shall attach to their stove mill.

Arthur Francis made a business trip to Buick Monday.

Henry Volner was on the sick list a few days this week.

M. C. Volner and family and Edna Montgomery attended church on West Fork Sunday.

The new church house at Oates is near completion. It is being built by the Holy Rollers, who claim that they can heal the sick.

Arthur Francis, who is taking a correspondence course in law, has successfully passed the examination on Contracts, Quasi-contracts, Agency, Torts, Domestic Relations and Criminal Law and Procedure and says he will take up the practice of pleading in the Justice Court. RUSRIC. Edgehill, Mo., Feb'y 28.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898. A. W. CLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

—Advertisement.

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Iron-ton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, March 8, 1920:

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Tuesday	2	50	20	
Wednesday	3	51	27	
Thursday	4	42	36	1.34
Friday	5	29	9	
Saturday	6	21	10	T
Sunday	7	27	5	
Monday	8	48	7	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARODIA COLLEGE Observer.

Iron-ton News

This Case Has a Hint for Many Iron-ton Readers.

An Iron-ton woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills.

She has found them as represented. She wishes her neighbors to know. She publicly recommends them.

No need to look further for a tested kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here and can be investigated.

Profit by the statement of Mrs. Anderson Rust. She says: "I had weak kidneys and my back ached and pained. I felt tired and run down and often had headaches and dizzy spells. My kidneys acted irregularly, too. Finally I used Doan's Kidney Pills that I got from the Arcadia Valley Drug Co. They rid me of the back-

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—Chesterfield

THE right balance of costly Turkish and Domestic tobaccos, proportioned by experts—that's why Chesterfields "satisfy."

Every puff brings you the full, rich flavor of genuine Turkish tobacco and the lively relish of choice Domestic leaf.

And the blend—the manufacturer's private formula—can not be copied.

Every package enclosed in glassine, moisture-proof paper that seals in the flavor.

Legitimately pure tobacco



ache and put my kidneys in good working order."

Price, 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Rust had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

For best pictures, bring or mail your Kodak films to J. O. Cottle, Arcadia, Mo.

Obituary.

Died.—At the home of her sister, Mrs. F. A. Sinclair, 2334 Gamble St., St. Louis, Mo., on January 31, 1920, Mrs. Maude McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sloan of Bismarck, Mo. After a brief illness of only a few days the quiet messenger of death came to her relief who only two days before had called her husband home.

How strange to us that those so young should be called away, but His ways are, indeed, mysterious and past finding out. Some time, some where we'll understand. Not now, but in a better land. "In the midst of life we are also in death." This messenger claims not only the tottering pilgrim from the Shady Slopes of time, nor the tiny babe from its mother's bosom, but the young and promising from the busy cares, at the noonday of life. How uncertain indeed is life and how sure is death.

She leaves a father, mother, 3 sisters and one brother to mourn her departure besides a baby boy of only 3 years and 8 months, left to battle this unfriendly world without either a father's tender counsel or a mother's loving care. But our Heavenly Father who careth for the lambs of his fold promises to be a father to the fatherless and ever lend a listening ear to the cries of the orphan. We will no doubt so guard and inspire this young life that it will be a shining light and living glory to Himself and those gone before. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Since God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from us our beloved sister and thereby sever tender ties which have for so long made us an unbroken family here on earth, let us bow in humble submission to the will of Him who taught us to pray "Thy will be done." The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Behind this dark cloud which o'er-shadows us we behold His smiling face and hear the same consoling words spoken to Martha of old, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." "If thou wouldst believe thou shalt see the glory of God."

Then be it ours to meditate in these dark shades of bereavement and in the beautiful order of thy works learn to conform the order of our lives.

"Who, who, would live always, But welcome the tomb, Since Jesus has lain there, I dread not its gloom." The funeral services were conducted

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A smile ahead, A smile behind, And two in the driver's seat, KOKOMO Tires can't be beat.

Adjusted on 6,000 Miles.

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ed by Rev. A. M. Robinson at the home of her father after which the remains were laid to rest in the Middlebrook Cemetery to await the dawning of that day when parted friends again shall meet.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us, And thy loss we deeply feel, But 'tis God who hast bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal. Days of sadness have come o'er us, Tears in silence so often flow, Love will always keep you near us, Though God called for you to go. You shall never be forgotten, Never from our memory fade; Loving hearts will always linger Around the grave where you are laid.

A SISTER. Bismarck Gazette please copy.

Administrator's Notice.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, on the estate of J. M. Black, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of February, 1920, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of granting of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

This 17th day of February, 1920.

MONTEY R. BLACK, Administrator.

Attest: SAM M. BREWSTER, Judge of Probate.

Iron-ton, Mo., February 17, 1920.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.

COUNTY OF IRON.

I hereby certify that Montey R. Black was granted Letters of Administration on the estate of J. M. Black, deceased, on the 17th day of February, 1920.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set (SEAL) my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 17th day of February, 1920.

SAM M. BREWSTER, Judge of Probate and ex-Officio Clerk.

DULL AND SHARP SHOOTING PAINS

Michigan Lady Suffered Such Pains In Back and Head, But Says Cardui Stopped These Bad Spells.

Palmyra, Mich.—Mrs. Chas. T. Fuller, of this place, writes: "In 1911 I got run-down, and I suffered great pain...with both dull and sharp shooting pains...also back and head. I was weak and could only drag around, and should have been in bed, for I really wasn't able to be up. At times I would have spells that would be so bad I'd have to go to bed, and suffered intensely..."

I decided to try Cardui, and saw a great improvement in less than a month's time. I used 7 or 8 bottles and was stronger...I got so much better that my strength returned and my work was easy for me. Cardui did me a world of good. It built me up in health and strength. I haven't had one of those bad spells since. I haven't had to take any more medicine since or have any doctors either and have been able to do my work right along...I recommend it to other women highly as the best medicine I know of for women who suffer from female trouble."

If you suffer from female troubles, follow this advice. Get a bottle of Cardui today and give it a thorough trial. It should help you, as it has helped thousands of other women in the past 40 years. At all druggists.

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